

## Clark County, Washington



Clark County is located in the southwest area of Washington State. Clark County borders Oregon on both the south and west sides, Cowlitz County to the

north, and Skamania County to the east. The area was part of a large tract of western land first known in 1844 as "Vancouver District." In 1849, Clark County was formed, named in honor of explorer William Clark of the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition.<sup>1</sup> Clark County was one of the first two counties in what would later become Washington State.

### 2013 Population

Clark is the 5th most populous county in the state, with a 2013 population of 435,500. From 2010 to 2013, the county's population grew by 10,137 people, or 2.4%. In 2013, just over half of the Clark County population (52%) lived in incorporated cities. The 4 largest were:<sup>2</sup>

- Vancouver: 164,500
- Camas: 20,320
- Battle Ground: 18,130
- Washougal: 14,580

### Education

In 2011, the majority of Clark County residents over age 25, or 91%, had graduated from high school. Over one-fourth (27%) of residents had obtained at least a bachelor's degree.<sup>3</sup>

### Income

The median annual household income in 2011 in Clark County was \$56,656.<sup>4</sup>

### Poverty

In 2011, 16% of families with children in Clark County were below the Federal Poverty Level.<sup>4</sup> The Federal Poverty Level for a family of four in 2011 was \$22,350.<sup>5</sup>

### Race/Ethnicity

Clark County's racial/ethnic demographics for 2010 were:<sup>6</sup>

- White\*: 82% (347,793)
- Hispanic: 8% (32,166)
- Asian\*: 4% (17,276)
- Two or more races\*: 3% (13,905)
- Black\*: 2% (8,025)
- American Indian/Alaska Native\*: <1% (2,970)
- Pacific Islander\*: <1% (2,589)

Since 2000, the percent of Clark County residents that describe themselves as White has fallen from 86%, indicating that Clark County is becoming more racially diverse.<sup>6</sup>

\*Race groups are non-Hispanic

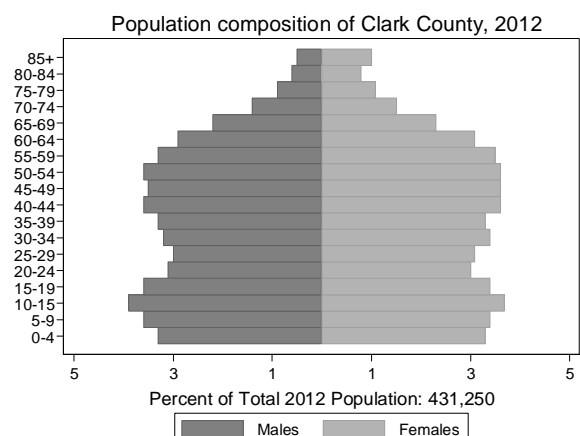
### Language Spoken at Home

In 2011, 87% (352,453) of residents over age 5 spoke English at home. Thirteen percent (51,914) spoke a language other than English at home. Forty-four percent of the people who spoke a language other than English at home speak English *less than* "very well" (22,583). The languages spoken by these people were:<sup>3</sup>

- Indo-European:<sup>7</sup> 8,593
- Spanish: 7,749
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 6,175
- Other: 1,008

### Age/Sex Characteristics

The median age of Clark County residents in 2012 was 37.4 years. The percent of the Clark County population broken down by age group and gender can be seen below.<sup>8</sup>



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Note: Reported data represent most recent years available



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